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FROM

Sir ARTHUR HASELRIGGE

IN

PORTSMOUTH

To an Honourable Member of the  
late *Parliament*.

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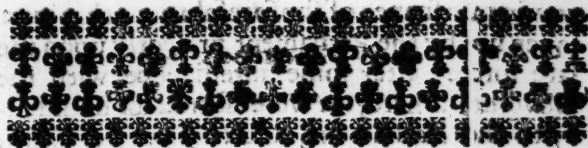
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FROM

Sir *Arthur Haselrigge* in *Perth*  
*month.*

S I R,

**T**Hough I know the surprize of this place (as 'tis termed at *Wallingsford House* that take all for their own) was no novel to you, and therefore 'twas needless to have given you a bare relation of it, yet now since the laet proceedings of the Army have ministred an occasion of writing, I will give you a brief ac-

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count of the condition of our affairs here, and our thoughts of the transactions there with your assistance of those resolutions that were taken up by the Parliament presently upon the late force; after some intelligence with the Governour here, we were assured of his fidelity to the Parliament, and that the Town was at our Devotion.

We entered here on *Saturday* the third of *December* instant, at four of the Clock, my Self and my Son Colonel *Storley* and Colonel *Wab-*  
~~ton~~, with divers other Gentlemen, some where-  
of were neighbouring inhabitants to this place, presently after came in the Governour Colonel *Whittham*, who had been abroad that afternoon, and came to us to the Lyon Inne, where we quartered that night, and very honourably treated us (and indeed he is a very Noble true spirited Englishman) after a short conference with him, he declared that he would secure the Town and Garrison for the use of the Parliament, and in order thereunto we did presently seize some dissatisfied Officers (whose names I suppose you have had.) The next morning the Magistrats of the Town came to complement us and bid us welcom, to whom we declared, that we intended not to levy or raise any War in the Nation, thereby to open a breach for the Common Enemy to enter, being more concerned against him, then to afford

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afford him such advantage, but that the Treaty  
being on foot betwixt the Army and General  
~~Mont~~ the Commander in Chief of the Parlia-  
ments forces in Scotland; the gaining of this  
place might be a means to facilitate it; and  
ballance the affair; and that we hoped it would  
produce a right understanding and unity so  
much desired by all good men; they answered  
us they would afford us all the assistance they  
could, and would stand by us in these our in-  
tentions.

We expected some additional Forces out of  
Suffex, and the neighbouring Counties, but  
you here what is become of them, however  
we doubt not of succor and supply, if they  
shall offer to attempt us. We hear Coronel Dis-  
borough is designed against this place, your  
Major Cadwel troubles us very little, we scarce  
know where he is.

Yesterday we had notice of a Proclamation  
for issuing out Summons for a Parliament to  
sit down the twenty fourth day of January:  
'Tis a meer delusion to amuse the people now  
the Scotch Army is advancing, and signifies  
nothing: Besides their fundamentals, as they  
call them, interpret what a kind of Parliament  
it shall be; these are like that Engine the Scru  
which instead of settling wil violently force &  
raise the very being of Government from its  
proper Basis, and remove and set it where  
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their fancy best likes them, nor will the Army abide long by this very form, but as the success and event of their affairs shall be, so will they be freed from, or obliged to these their elementary constitutions.

We see now the sword must decide the matter, and therefore by all plausible waies they would wind themselves into a better Opinion then to be counted arbitrary and lawlesse persons. We heard of some late Tumults at *London*, but the relation so imperfect, that we could wish you would correspond with us in some private Character, since all waies are laid to prevent Intelligence. I can assure you from hence, that nothing will be done by Treaty at *Newcastle* without a preliminary Article of restoring the Parliament to a Free Session without any other condition. This place is so well Fortified and provided, that we shall be able to preserve it against all the Forces and more then they can make; nor do we fear any plots or conspiracies to betray it. We are all well and in health, and I praise God unanimous, and the Townesmen very cheerful and resolute to go through with us and to bear part of the Duty, hoping by their cordial concurrence with us to encourage the rest of the considerable places of the Nation to doe the like.

For our own parts we are resolved to assert  
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our cause, and have therefore adventured all,  
*juste est alea*, and we trust the fortune of the  
War will answer our Ends, as it hath yet never  
failed the justice of our Arms, We have rein-  
forced *Ports Down fort* with 4 pieces of Artil-  
lery more, and have Lodged there a conveni-  
ent Garrison; we have also 6 Companies of  
Foot of the Army, and have raised 2 Troops  
of Horse in the Town, among our selves  
and servants. Here were at our coming hither  
10 Sail of Frigots and Men of War, who have  
declared themselves for the Parliament, two  
whereof have set sail with Commission upon  
our affairs. We do daily and hourly expect  
the arrival of Vice-Admiral *Lawson* with the  
part of the Fleet under his Command to our  
assistance.

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#### POSTSCRIPT.

Since the writing of this Mr. Wallop the most Considerable Gentleman of this County is come in hither, with 50 Horse most of them his Tennants, we have already the liberty of the Sea, and we hope our well begun endeavours will amount to the liberty of the Land.

Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

ARTHUR HASILRIGGE

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